

March 28, 1989

LB 395, 705

SPEAKER BARRETT: Shall LB 705 be advanced to E & R Initial? Those in favor vote aye, opposed nay. Record, please.

ASSISTANT CLERK: 29 ayes, 2 nays on the advancement of the bill, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: LB 705 is advanced. Anything to read in, Mr. Clerk?

CLERK: Not at this time, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Then to the next senator priority bill, LB 395.

ASSISTANT CLERK: Mr. President, LB 395 was introduced by Senators Peterson, Schellpeper, Dierks, Hefner, Korshoj, Conway and Lowell Johnson. (Read title.) The bill was referred to the Committee on Education. They report the bill back to General File without committee amendments, Mr. President.

SPEAKER BARRETT: Senator Peterson.

SENATOR PETERSON: Mr. President...(gavel). Mr. President and members, this is a bill brought to me by the...by a number of us in northeast Nebraska by the Northeast Technical Community College. And what it would do would amend the 200,000 statutory capital construction limit for the college areas to allow Northeast College to construct a multipurpose educational facility so long as the bid-letting is accomplished by July 1, 1991. Northeast Technical Community College is the only community college that meets both the total population requirement of more than 150,000 and has only one campus. Northeast Technical Community College is the only one with only one campus. All the rest have more. The Northeast Technical Community College Board of Governors identified the need for a multipurpose education facility as northeast Nebraska's highest immediate capital construction priority. Because of the enrollment growth and technological advantages, the lack of facilities limits the effective functioning of existing programs and precludes developments of new programs. Currently, the state statutes limit expenditures for new capital construction projects at technical community colleges 200,000 of property tax funds. Technical community colleges can levy up to 1.8 cents per \$100 of valuation annually, solely for capital construction.